

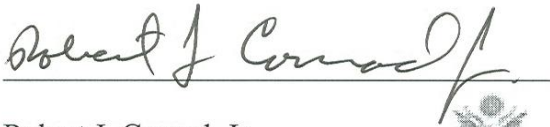
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The government explains the two indictments could have been originally joined as relating to the same alleged fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme, but the defendants were split into two cases based on their eligibility for extradition from

Costa Rica. (Doc. No. 19: Motion at 2-3). Accordingly, extraditable defendants began to appear in the case before Judge Cogburn as early as October 3, 2018, (Case No. 3:18-cr-311, Doc. No. 19), where defendant Brenes, believed to be a citizen of Costa Rica, appeared in the instant case on November 24, 2019. Thus, in the circumstances of this matter, it is in the interest of justice to re-assign this case to Judge Cogburn. The defendants' concerns about the whether the indictments will be consolidated for trial or proceed separately can be raised before by the receiving judge.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the government's motion is **GRANTED in part**, and the Clerk of Court shall re-assign this case to the Honorable Max O. Cogburn, Jr.

Signed: January 7, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
United States District Judge

